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OUT OF A WINDOW

Tragic Death of Editor Joseph B. McCullagh.

FOUND DEAD ON THE PAVEMENT.

The Famous Newspaper Man of St. Louis Ends a Siege of Physical Ills by Throwing Himself Out of His Room—His Skull Is Crushed—The Arrangements for the Funeral Saturday.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—Mr. Joseph McCullagh, editor of the St. Louis Globe Democrat, and one of the best known newspaper men in the country, is dead as the result of a fall of 25 feet from a second story of his apartment at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Kate Manion, at 3827 West Pine boulevard.

The body, which was cold in death and clad only in a nightgown, was discovered by Mrs. Manion's colored man servant about 7 a. m.

Waters, the colored servant, without touching the body, ran frightened into the house, where he told the cook of the discovery. She immediately called Mrs. Manion, who had not yet arisen, and told her that Mr. McCullagh had "fallen out of his window and killed himself."

His friends claim Mr. McCullagh did not commit suicide. About midnight Mrs. Manion detected gas. She investigated and found a burner in the combination gas and electric light chandelier, which hangs suspended in the center of Mr. McCullagh's room, open. The odor of gas was very strong in the apartments. Mrs. Manion turned on an electric light and shut off the gas. Mr. McCullagh woke up.

"Joe," she said, "did you know gas was escaping in your room? You would have been a dead man in the morning if I had not discovered it."

Mr. McCullagh was apparently too drowsy to realize what his sister-in-law said. He murmured an inaudible reply and fell asleep again. Mrs. Manion raised the open window a little higher so that the fumes of the gas would leave the room, and then returned to bed.

The funeral is set for 2 p. m. Saturday at Mrs. Manion's residence. Rev. Dr. W. W. Boyd, pastor of the Second Baptist church, and Rev. John Snyder, a prominent Unitarian minister of this city, will conduct the services. The interment will be at Bellefontaine cemetery.

Mr. Joseph B. McCullagh was born in Ireland, and with his brother came to this country in his youth. His first important newspaper work was done in Cincinnati. Later he went to Chicago and took the managing editorship of the Chicago Republican. He occupied this position until shortly after the Chicago fire. Then he came to St. Louis and took the editorship of the St. Louis Globe, which was subsequently consolidated with The Democrat and became the Globe-Democrat.

FAILED TO OPEN.

A North Dakota Bank Finds Itself Unable to Float.

Grand Forks, N. D., Jan. 1.—The directors of the Second National bank of this city decided not to open for business.

It is said by the officers that immediately following the failure of the National Bank of Illinois and the Bank of Indiana the bank had sustained a shrinkage of \$40,000, while their deposits amounted to about \$17,000 during the past 14 days.

Status of Arbitration Treaty.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The new treaty between the United States and Great Britain, by which all the differences between the two countries for the next five years are to be referred to arbitration will not be signed at present. Mr. Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote closed the negotiations about 17 days ago, and the final draft was made and forwarded to Lord Salisbury. The causes for the delay can not be stated.

Wolcott Will Go Abroad.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Senator Wolcott of Colorado, the chairman of the special senate committee to arrange for a bimetallic conference of the nations of the world, is going abroad to confer with European bimetallics on the subject. The purposes of his visit are known and approved by President-elect McKinley, and his trip is made at the request of his associates on the senatorial committee.

Expelled From the Ministry.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 1.—H. C. Morrison, evangelist, who has been holding meetings without permission of presiding elders, was expelled from Methodist ministry. He is a son of Rev. H. C. Morrison of Nashville and made Lexington his residence. He now stands in the same attitude toward the Methodist Church South as Sam Jones.

Fremont Campaigners.

Pittsburg, Jan. 1.—A reunion of Republican campaigners will be held here on Jan. 20, 1897, and an effort is being made to secure a large attendance from all parts of the country of participants in the first Republican

Hart in the Lead.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—Frank Hart, the colored pedestrian from Chicago, is leading in the six-day heel and toe walking match.

GIANT WINE VAT.

Largest Receptacle on Earth at San Francisco.

IT WILL HOLD 80,000 GALLONS.

The Famous Heidelberg Cask Is a Baby by the Side of the Newcomer, Whose Proportions Are Like a Two-Story Cottage—Four Quadrille Sets Could Dance on the Bottom.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—The largest oak wine vat in the world is being set up by the California Wine association at the Lachman cellar here.

The famous Heidelberg cask is a baby by the side of the newcomer, which has the proportions of a 2-story cottage, and on the bottom of which four quadrille sets could be danced with ease.

The Heidelberg wonder has a capacity of 50,000 gallons, while this San Francisco monster is to hold 80,000 gallons.

The huge cask is oval-shaped on the ground and measures 27x30 feet in each direction, while the great staves rise to a height of 20 feet and are from two and a half to three inches in thickness. The wood used will weigh 20 tons and the iron hoops would turn the scales at six tons or over.

WAIVES EXAMINATION.

The Agent of Mr. Wannamaker Ends Trial for Bribery.

Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 1.—Some startling testimony was given in the preliminary hearing of E. A. Van Valkenburg, who has charge of John Wannamaker's senatorial campaign at Harrisburg, and who was arrested charged with attempting to bribe Representative Webster C. Weiss of Northampton county to vote for Mr. Wannamaker for United States senator.

The trial terminated abruptly after when the defendant waived a further hearing and entered bail. This was done because of the admission of Detective Tillard's testimony regardless of the objections of the defense.

Shortly after leaving the office, another warrant was served upon Mr. Van Valkenburg, charging him with conspiracy to bribe Dr. N. J. Mackey of Lackawanna.

Bail in the same sum was entered. After the withdrawal of the defendant and his counsel, the taking of testimony was proceeded with in their absence.

Tillard swore that he had received \$500 in five notes of \$100 each to pay to Representative Weiss. He said the money was given to him by Van Valkenburg. He subsequently refused five other \$100 notes from Scranton and returned them to Van Valkenburg, who afterward acknowledged their receipt.

Secretary McCraith Resigns.

Indianapolis, Jan. 1.—Secretary McCraith of the American Federation of Labor resigned. He gave for the first time his statement in reference to the charges against President Gompers, which created the sensation at the recent convention of the Federation at Cincinnati. The charge made then, which Mr. McCraith reiterated, was that Gompers negotiated with National Chairman Jones for the purpose of using the Federation's influence on the part of the silver campaign.

To Have His Disgrace.

Duluth, Jan. 1.—At 5 p. m. William G. Park, representing the sugar trust, shot himself through the head with a 3-caliber revolver in his office in the Chamber of Commerce building. The deed was evidently committed to escape the exposure and probable prosecution which was imminent, for it is learned he was between \$5,000 and \$8,000 short in his accounts with the trust. Mr. Park was under surveillance of a detective.

Raised the Cash.

Nashville, Jan. 1.—At a mass meeting of citizens, at which Governor-elect Taylor and other prominent men made speeches, the balance of \$500,000 subscription needed to secure the government building exhibit appropriation was subscribed. The government appropriations of \$130,000 will now be available, and proper certification of the subscribed amount was forwarded to Secretary Carlisle at once.

Abner McKinley in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Jan. 1.—Abner McKinley, brother of the president-elect, paid a flying visit to Pittsburg, and previous to his departure for the east he held a long and earnest consultation with P. C. Knox, the prominent attorney, who has frequently been put forth as a probable member of the new cabinet. Whether or not any political significance attaches to the interview can not be stated.

Not Sufficient.

Monroe, Va., Jan. 1.—It is said that the \$55,000 appropriated by the state for the relief of the drought sufferers will not be adequate. Careful estimates show that the amount distributed in the shape of corn and meal will not furnish bread for more than two weeks.

Bank Failure in France.

Paris, Jan. 1.—The bank failure is announced at Caen of David and Julien Reinier & Company, for 1,250,000 francs (\$250,000). The books were found to be falsified and David Reinier has fled.

COMMODORE GOES.

Vessel Leaves For Cuba With Munitions of War.

PROTEST OF THE SPANISH CONSUL.

Clearance Papers Are Taken Out by the Filibustering Steamer, but It Is Not Thought She Will Land Her Cargo at the Port Named in the Document.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 1.—The steamer Commodore cleared at the custom house at 5 p. m. with a cargo of arms and ammunition consigned to Salvador Cisneros, president of the Cuban republic, at Cienfuegos, Cuba. A crew of 27 men was carried despite the fact that the Commodore is of only 99 tons register. Most of these were Cubans. Among the number was Stephen Crane, the novelist, who signed as a seaman at \$20 per month.

The cargo consists of the following: One thousand pounds of dynamite, two boxes electric apparatus, 200 rifles, 203,000 cartridges, 300 machetes, 14 boxes drugs and three bundles of clothing.

Papers were issued notwithstanding that a formal protest was made by Senor Solis, Spanish consul for Florida, which was made in writing to the collector. The grounds were that the rules and regulations of ports of entry in Cuba prohibit the importation of munitions of war except upon the written permission of the governor general of the island, and also upon the ground that it is the belief of the consul that the arms are to be used by the insurgents against the kingdom of Spain, and also the port to which they are consigned.

The Spanish consul also refused to give the clearance papers, which is a necessary requisite in going to a foreign port, for the reason that the regulations do not permit the importation of arms upon the island without a permit, and this Captain Murphy did not have. The consul issued a certificate, however, stating his refusal and the reason thereof.

The Commodore went down the river at 8 p. m., an officer from the revenue cutter Boutwell having been placed on board to see that no one should be taken on board while going down the river. The officer was instructed to leave the boat at the mouth of the river.

It is not believed that the Commodore will make an attempt to land its cargo at Cienfuegos, but will make a landing at some convenient place along the Cuban coast.

FORM OF AUTONOMY.

The Spanish Ministry Decide Upon It at a Meeting in Madrid.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The form of autonomy which Spain is willing to grant to Cuba was decided upon in Madrid at a council of the ministry presided over by the queen regent.

The decree still lacks the official endorsement of the cortes, but it is believed will be easily obtainable when conditions have reached such a point that the Spanish authorities believe the reforms can be introduced in Cuba without disturbance and turmoil from any discontented factions. This information reached the Spanish legation Thursday night and Minister de Lome was authorized to make public the concessions agreed upon.

These reforms are to go into effect immediately in Porto Rico, and are announced in the desire to promulgate them as a New Year's gift to the citizens of Porto Rico. These same measures of relief, it is said, will be announced in Cuba so soon as the pacification of the island is such that the reforms can be brought about without such revolt as would now be caused by the insurgents.

It is claimed that, should the rebellious portions of the island indicate their willingness to accept the system of home rule suggested by Spain, and cease the insurrection, that the reforms immediately would go into effect. Though the decree announced is intended at present for Porto Rico alone, when they are effected in Cuba, they will be on an enlarged scale and Porto Rico also will be favored with the larger rights allowed Cuba.

Friends of the Spanish legation here state that these reforms were not brought about by the intermediation of the United States. Senor de Lome said: "The reform law was voted by the cortes in February, 1895. It was accepted then by the autonomist party and received a unanimous vote in the party."

The leaders of the autonomist party of Porto Rico have been in Madrid this winter and the royal decree entirely meets with their approval.

THREE FRIENDS ARRIVES.

The Filibustering Steamer Is in Charge of a Custom Officer.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 1.—The steamer Three Friends arrived in port shortly after noon from Key West with Peter O. Knight, deputy collector of customs at Key West, on board. Mr. Knight reported to the collector of customs, Blasco, and the latter, acting under instructions from Washington had an officer from the Boutwell placed on board. The boat will be held until it shall be libelled by the district attorney, who was out of the city. The officer of the Three Friends declined to make any statements con-

cerning the trip. Despite the denial, however, the reported chase of the boat by a Spanish cruiser has been well authenticated, also that Three Friends returned the fire of the cruiser. Also the fact that the men in charge were afterward left on one of the keys near the southern coast of the state. The Dauntless has gone after the men and cargo, but has not as yet been heard from. A dispatch from Key West states that a yacht has returned to that place with a party of Cubans, believed to have been the men who were left there by the Three Friends.

The cruiser Newark has been ordered to Key West to St. John's bar and will arrive today.

It will examine the papers of all suspicious steamers that leave this port.

A Cruiser Abroad.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 1.—News was received here that the cruiser Raleigh left Key West under sealed orders. It is feared by Cubans that he will stop the filibustering vessels and search them to see if men are on board, or else convey them to their place of destination.

CHAPPLE DROPS OUT.

The Pace Was Too Hot For the English Rider.

Washington, Jan. 1.—One more rider surrendered his chances for a portion of the prize money in the big six days' international bicycle race at Convention hall. Chapple, the Englishman, was the latest who has proven unable to keep up the terrific pace set by the flying Dutchman, Waller, and Maddox of Asbury Park, who are now up at the head with only two laps distance in favor of the former. Chapple was in sixth place when he dropped out and as there are five cash prizes, it is considered that he did a very unwise thing when he left the track. His withdrawal makes it almost certain that the men who are now in the first five places will occupy the same relative places when they cross the tape at the finish.

Report on Steel Plates.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The special board appointed by Secretary Herbert to examine a number of defective structural steel plates delivered by the Carnegie Steel company at Newport News for the battleships Kentucky and Kearsarge, has submitted its report to the navy department. The board made extensive tests of the material at the shipyards and arrived at the following conclusions: "That if the specifications be held to require the test of the plates to be made by bending the specimens longitudinally only, a large proportion of the steel complies with the specifications. If, however, a transverse bending is also required only one lot of plates—the 17½ pound plates—meet the demands."

Pardon Denied.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The president has denied the application for pardon in the case of Joseph H. Wilson, convicted in Illinois of embezzling national bank funds. In his indorsement the president says: "This application appeals very strongly to my sympathy and if I owed no duty to the public I would unhesitatingly yield to the pity aroused for the convict and his family, but my responsibility to the public and the care I should have for the integrity and safety of our national banks."

Amount of Clearings.

New York, Jan. 1.—The clearing house statement for the year shows exchanges, \$28,870,775; decrease, \$971,021,868; balances, \$1,792,686,480; decrease, \$166,334,533. The balances this year included \$970,055,000 legal tender certificates, \$813,160,480 legal tenders and change and \$3,985,000 clearing house certificates. The banks in the association number 65, with an aggregate capital of \$60,772,700.

Hotel Proprietor Killed.

Nashville, Jan. 1.—H. P. Miller, proprietor of the Southern Pacific hotel at Milan, was assaulted by some unknown person and fatally injured. His skull was fractured in two places.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$227,615,461; gold reserve, \$138,746,473.

Turf Winners.

At New Orleans—Judith R. Donna Rita, Roubie, Ramona, Sky Blue, Alvin N. At San Francisco—Ingleside, Frank K. California Oaks, Casper, Monte Fonso.

The Weather.

Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana—Increasing cloudiness, with rain; fresh and brisk south-east winds.

ESSENCE OF NEWS.

Items of Interest Prepared Especially For Busy Readers.

The Indian uprising in Peru has been quelled.

Mrs. George Price, 62, was assassinated at Bedford, Ind.

A corps of trained nurses will leave Pittsburg for Cuba.

While hunting Lord Berosford was seriously injured.

St. E. Trigen, the Chicago banker who failed, is very sick.

The alleged train robbers who recently operated near Kansas City have been arrested.

George B. Wilkins, vice president of the defunct bank at Selma, Ala., suicided in church.

F. C. McFarlane, inspector of the New York national guard, has been removed from office by Governor Morton.

Joseph B. McCullagh, editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, was found dead on the sidewalk under his window, from which it is supposed he jumped with suicidal intent.

Highest of all in Leavening Strength.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

CONTRACTS SIGNED.

Two New Cruisers to Be Built For the Japan Navy.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Minister Hosoki of Japan signed contracts for two new cruisers for the Japanese navy, to be built in American shipyards, one by the Cramps Ship-Building company of Philadelphia and the other by the Union Iron works of San Francisco. It was the conclusion of negotiations covering many months, and was gratifying alike to the minister and the companies, who were represented by their respective heads, Charles H. Cramp and Henry T. Scott. The award to American builders was based not only on the merits of American ships, American armor and American material, but was a distinct recognition on the part of Japan of the kindly offices of the United States during the recent Japan-China war, and of the cordial feeling between this country and the growing young empire of the east.

The contracts were signed at the Japanese legation, where there were present for the occasion the minister and his official staff, a delegation of Japanese naval experts and Messrs. Cramp and Scott. The naval experts have been in this country some months, visiting many yards and critically inspecting the warships which have been built for the American navy. At the same time other experts were inspecting the yards of England, France and Germany, and a keen competition arose as to which country would secure a contract.

The ships will be completed throughout in American yards, but the ordnance, torpedoes and torpedo tubes will be put aboard by the Japanese government after the ships have been delivered in Japan. The cost of the two ships is in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000. As yet no names have been given them. It is probable Madame Hosoki will do the honors of christening the ships when launched.

The Laurada Unmolested.

Gibraltar, Jan. 1.—The American steamship Laurada, formerly engaged as a filibuster from the United States to Cuba, and whose proposed landing at Valencia, in Spain, caused apprehensions of an unfriendly demonstration, has arrived here from Messina laden with fruit. The Laurada took on coal and sailed for Baltimore without any friction with the inhabitants.

Forged Paper Out.

New York, Jan. 1.—Some very unpleasant stories were in circulation in connection with the failure of the Commercial bank of Selma, Ala. These rumors included talk of the existence of some fraudulent or forged papers which it was said had been put out by the bank.

Popular Sheriff Elected.

Leadville, Colo., Jan. 1.—The county board elected Thomas O'Mahoney, sheriff, to succeed Newman, removed, for malfeasance. O'Mahoney is a Populist and is said to be favorably disposed toward the striking miners.

Scientific Research.

Stockholm, Jan. 1.—The will of the late Alfred Nothel, the Swedish engineer who was the first to discover the means of exploding nitroglycerin in a manner enabling it to be used for practical purposes, bequeaths almost his entire fortune to be converted into an international fund for the advancement of scientific research.

Deprived of Their Licenses.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—Captain Smith, who commanded the wrecked collier San Benito, and Chief Officer Zolling, who was on the bridge when she struck, have been deprived of their licenses by the United States inspectors of hulls and boilers. It was decided that the loss of the San Benito was due to carelessness.

Changes in Stock.

New York, Jan. 1.—During the year just passed there has been considerable change in the complexion of the various tables of New York's Commercial Exchange. Wheat, flour and cotton have enjoyed pronounced advances, while corn, oats and provisions have touched the lowest quotations on record, and coffee has also been weak and heavy.

Yale and Princeton.

Toronto, Jan. 1.—The Yale and Princeton hockey teams were to have been here to play against a Toronto team, but Major Cosby wired them not to come as there was no ice.

Made a Chevalier.

Paris, Jan. 1.—M. Bossor on the D'Anglade, consul for France at New Orleans, has been made chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

Elliott Wins.

New York, Jan. 1.—J. A. R. Elliott of Kansas City won the 100 live-bird match from E. D. Fulford of Ulm, at Dexter park, by a score of 84 to 80.

PREPARING FOR DEATH.

Though in Perfect Health, Weed Thinks He Has Been Summoned.

Thoroughly convinced that only a few days more of earthly life remain to him, Levi Weed of Walker Valley, N. Y., although at present in the enjoyment of perfect health, is rapidly closing up his business in preparation for death's summons.

The little village of Walker Valley is nestled among the mountains but a short distance from the spot where the notorious Mrs. Hatfield committed the triple murders three years ago last September. For years Weed, always an eccentric character, has dispensed groceries to the residents of the village and surrounding country. Of late, however, his patrons have noticed a decided change in his demeanor. He has grown despondent and melancholy, but, when questioned regarding his change of manner, he would simply remark that he was "only meditating."

Weed has at last informed his friends that he has had a revelation that at the longest but a few days more remain to him on earth. He is disposing of his grocery stock at reduced prices and arranging his other business affairs in anticipation of the final closing of earth's scenes. His family physician says he has no physical ailment, but Weed contends that his assurances from a spiritual source warrant him in closing up his earthly affairs at once. He says he has not been informed of the exact day of his death, but it will not be many days hence.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Broken Melody.

"Dearest," he said as he swung to and fro upon the gate, "I wish I might linger here forever."

She was about to say something encouraging when he got his finger caught in the hinge and began yelling so hard that the entire neighborhood turned out to help him loose.

Then all was over between them.—Pick Me Up.

Literary Shark.

It is said that a shark was caught recently by the sailors of the ship Somali, the vessel at the time being off the cape of Good Hope. On the creature being opened a complete copy of a London newspaper was discovered in its body.—Boston Globe.

An Attachment Issued.

New York, Jan. 1.—An attachment for \$44,000 was issued against the White Locomotive works in favor of John L. White for money advanced.

Debs a Socialist.

Terre Haute, Jan. 1.—In a letter soon to be printed Eugene V. Debs will announce that he has abandoned the People's party and became a straight-out socialist.

Authorized to Start.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The controller of the currency has authorized the First National bank of Thompson, Ia., to begin business, capital \$50,000.

MARKET REPORTS.

Grain and Stock Quotations For Dec. 31.

New York.

Beef—Family, \$9 50; extra mess, \$7 25; 60; packed, \$8 00; 90; extra mess, \$4 00; common, \$3 25; 75; feeders, \$3 60; 40; bulls, \$2 50; 20; hogs, \$4 00; 10; corn, \$1 00; 10; wheat, \$1 00; 10; oats, \$1 00; 10; rye, \$1 00; 10; clover, \$1 00; 10; timothy, \$1 00; 10; hay, \$1 00; 10; straw, \$1 00; 10; wood, \$1 00; 10; coal, \$1 00; 10; oil, \$1 00; 10; sugar, \$1 00; 10; flour, \$1 00; 10; cotton, \$1 00; 10; wool, \$1 00; 10; gold, \$1 00; 10; silver, \$1 00; 10; copper, \$1 00; 10; iron, \$1 00; 10; steel, \$1 00; 10; tin, \$1 00; 10; lead, \$1 00; 10; zinc, \$1 00; 10; nickel, \$1 00; 10; platinum, \$1 00; 10; diamonds, \$1 00; 10; rubies, \$1 00; 10; sapphires, \$1 00; 10; emeralds, \$1 00; 10; pearls, \$1 00; 10; ivory, \$1 00; 10; bone, \$1 00; 10; horn, \$1 00; 10; shell, \$1 00; 10; glass, \$1 00; 10; pottery, \$1 00; 10; stone, \$1 00; 10; wood, \$1 00; 10; coal, \$1 00; 10; oil, \$1 00; 10; sugar, \$1 00; 10; flour, \$1 00; 10; cotton, \$1 00; 10; wool, \$1 00; 10; gold, \$1 00; 10; silver, \$1 00; 10; copper, \$1 00; 10; iron, \$1 00; 10; steel, \$1 00; 10; tin, \$1 00; 10; lead, \$1 00; 10; zinc, \$1 00; 10; nickel, \$1 00; 10; platinum, \$1 00; 10; diamonds, \$1 00; 10; rubies, \$1 00; 10; sapphires, \$1 00; 10; emeralds, \$1 00; 10; pearls, \$1 00; 10; ivory, \$1 00; 10; bone, \$1 00; 10; horn, \$1 00; 10; shell, \$1 00; 10; glass, \$1 00; 10; pottery, \$1 00; 10; stone, \$1 00; 10; wood, \$1 00; 10; coal, \$1 00; 10; oil, \$1 00; 10; sugar, \$1 00; 10; flour, \$1 00; 10; cotton, \$1 00; 10; wool, \$1 00; 10; gold, \$1 00; 10; silver, \$1 00; 10; copper, \$1 00; 10; iron, \$1 00; 10; steel, \$1 00; 10; tin, \$1 00; 10; lead, \$1 00; 10; zinc, \$1 00; 10; nickel, \$1 00; 10; platinum, \$1 00; 10; diamonds, \$1 00; 10; rubies, \$1 00; 10; sapphires, \$1 00; 10; emeralds, \$1 00; 10; pearls, \$1 00; 10; ivory, \$1 00; 10; bone, \$1 00; 10; horn, \$1 00; 10; shell, \$1 00; 10; glass, \$1 00; 10; pottery, \$1 00; 10; stone, \$1 00; 10; wood, \$1 00; 10; coal, \$1 00; 10; oil, \$1 00; 10; sugar, \$1 00; 10; flour, \$1 00; 10; cotton, \$1 00; 10; wool, \$1 00; 10; gold, \$1 00; 10; silver, \$1 00; 10; copper, \$1 00; 10; iron, \$1 00; 10; steel, \$1 00; 10; tin, \$1 00; 10; lead, \$1

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No. 4—Going East Daily	7:45 a.m.	
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The Ohio office-seekers are not troubled with modesty. Over 12,000 of them have already served notice on McKinley that they want positions.

The New York Herald, which helped Mr. McKinley to his election, thinks "an extra session of congress would be close to a positive affliction"; and "it would sandbag business and so daze our merchants that new enterprises and ventures would come to a standstill."

Three banks failed in St. Paul last Tuesday. They were: The Bank of Minnesota, the Union Stock Yards Bank, of South St. Paul, and The State Bank of St. Paul. Lack of ready money was the reason for the banks closing. This is a very good reason. That's once when Bryan was not to be blamed.

Here comes the Philadelphia Record—a "sound money" organ that deserted the Democratic party and supported Palmer and Buckner—with this astonishing statement: "If it (the gold standard) produces the same fruits between now and 1900 that it has yielded hitherto, there will be an irresistible uprising against it."

Making all allowances for exaggerated Spanish reports, the condition of the insurgents in Pinar del Rio province seems deplorable indeed. Weyler, it would appear, proposes to decimate the country and call it peace, sparing neither age nor sex, pacifico nor armed insurgent. Meanwhile the question constantly presents itself: What is Gomez doing?

The Supreme Court of Missouri has decided that the section of the charter of Kansas City providing that each qualified voter who fails to vote at a general election should be taxed \$2.50, is invalid. It was a test case in which the city brought suit against a voter who had failed to vote, to recover the tax. The court in its decision very properly says: "Who can estimate the money value to the public of a vote? It is degrading to the franchise to associate it with such an idea. The ballot of the humblest of the land may mould the destiny of the nation for ages."

It is as true to-day as when written by Macaulay that "Where'er ye shed the booty, the buzzing dies with crowd." There is going to be money shed by the Republican tariff bill, and the flies, in the shape of those who are anticipating benefits through protection are already crowding the Washington hotels preparatory to telling the Republican members of the House ways and means committee at the hearings which are to begin next week just how much interest they want on their campaign contributions.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS SINCE ELECTION.

Dun's Review says: The failure of two important banks, the second in size of business at Chicago, and the oldest at St. Paul, with some others dependent on them, closes not favorably a month which promised to end with only moderate commercial disasters. Other important events of the week are the failure of the billet and rail pools to find a basis for agreement, and the somewhat general discharge of hands or reduction of wages in the shoe manufacture. Stocks close practically as they did a week ago. The reports of earnings are not cheering, and the aggregate for December thus far has been 4.5 per cent. less than last year and 11.4 per cent. less than in 1892, the Granger and other western roads showing most decrease. East bound tonnage from Chicago, 193,853 against 247,245 last year, indicates a growing decrease. The closing of shops and discharge of hands in the shoe business, especially at Lynn, has been plainly foreshadowed by the weekly report, showing for some time past scarcely any new orders received. In the cotton manufacture there is further decline in some staple goods, and takings by northern spinners are disappointingly light. Print cloths accumulate and do not advance. Raw cotton comes forward just as it did in other years when official and other stories of injury ended in great crops. Sales of wool are restricted by the general conviction that prices asked by interior holders cannot be realized, and there is considerable disposition to unload speculative purchases at sea-board markets. Most manufacturers have more wool than they have orders, and others meet as yet unsatisfactory demand for goods. Sales of wool were only 2,363,000 lbs. at the three chief markets, against 9,924,300 for the same week last year. Exports of merchandise for New York were unusually large, fifty per cent larger than last year, and for three weeks have been 16 per cent. larger, while imports were 3 per cent. smaller for the week and 10 per cent. smaller for three weeks of December. Failures for three weeks ending December 17th were \$14,602,007, against \$13,301,987 last year, manufacturing \$5,977,387, against \$6,027,104 last year, and trading \$7,988,981, against \$6,925,613 last year. The heavy bank failures of the past week are as yet to be reported. Failures for the week have been 297 in the United States, against 322 last year, and 44 in Canada, against 40 last year.

The two systems of paper currency advocated in this country are directly opposed to each other. The advocates of one system declare that it is as much the business of government to issue paper money as to coin gold and silver, and that the issuing of all money, coin and paper, is the exclusive function of the government, and that it should have the profits accruing therefrom. The business of the banks should be confined to serving as depositories for money and to making loans. The opposing theory is that the government should coin the metallic money of the country, but not issue any notes; that the banks should have the right to print and send out all the paper money of the nation and get the profits from it. At the same time, however, the advocates of the bank paper money would require the government to secure the notes issued by the banks and stand behind them. Under this system the banks would get the profits from the paper money, while the government would stand the losses on it.

Sixty-two of the United States senators have held their offices over 14 years. John Sherman has served as a senator 32 years, though not consecutively. As a rule the senators who hold their seats longest come from New England.

Twenty-six states were represented at the fifth national irrigation congress at Phenix, A. T. The time is coming when this whole country, east as well as west, will understand the advantages of irrigating agricultural lands.

Those numerous members of British high society who pine for "thrills" have at last had a real one. It was an earthquake, heavy enough to shake a church people off its base and to scare a woman to death.

Tornado Deductions.

Mr. Eddy, the New Jersey scientific meteorologist, has made deductions from his own experience. One of the subjects he has especially given practical attention to is tornadoes, in the limited way in which tornadoes can be studied around his own Jersey and vicinity.

After the last destructive storm on Long Island, a year or two ago, Mr. Eddy took his camera and made photographs of the ruins. He has also studied carefully data obtained elsewhere on the subject of these unpleasant blows.

He considers that certain fixed and final conclusions have been arrived at in regard to them. One is that if persons in the track of an approaching tornado took note of the signs of its coming, they would have ample time to escape to safety. Of course there is the fanned shaped cloud, which is the tornado itself and which may be seen at a greater or less distance. Then there are invariably sounds peculiar to cyclones, hurricanes and tornadoes. First, there is a low, rumbling note like the mutterings of distant thunder. It increases, then changes into a sound like quick and heavy cannonading, then it is upon the observer.

Next, how to escape its fury. Mr. Eddy's various photographs of tornado ruins invariably show one fact—the southwest corner of every cellar or building site is invariably swept clean and empty. The building itself is lifted from its foundation and carried off in a northeasterly direction. It may fall into the northeast corner of another cellar; it cannot fall into its own. If, then, when a tornado is coming, the inhabitants of a house take refuge in the southwest corner of their cellar, they will escape uninjured.

Congressmen's Terms.

It may be found advisable in the course of years to lengthen the terms of our representatives in congress. Elections every two years for the lower house are an expense and a trouble. A man hardly gets the hang of the house during a first term of two years, and a second one is usually given to him to permit him to show what he can do, if anything.

The joint resolution introduced into the national house by Mr. Treloar of Missouri provides that the term of representatives shall be lengthened to four years, to which there seems little objection. But Mr. Treloar's resolution also provides that a senator's service shall be for eight years instead of six and that a president shall serve eight years and be ineligible to immediately succeed himself. These propositions are debatable. So far as the senators are concerned, there is no call for it. We have, it is true, no provision for life senators in this country, but practically it is the same. There are now in the right wing of the capital men who, when they finish their present term, will have been in the senate 36 consecutive years. If the same political party remains in power, a senator may hold his office for life by the simple process of re-election by the legislature. If the same party does not remain in power, then he ought to be replaced by a senator in harmony with the new legislature.

The people of this country call attention respectfully, but very earnestly, to that petition which has been laid before Speaker Reed asking that a day be set apart for consideration by the house of the Nicaragua canal bill. The petition presents the unusual feature of having originated in the national house of representatives itself. The fact that it was signed by 290 Republican members and by 50 Democrats makes it in great measure a petition irrespective of party. The people of the United States want that Nicaragua canal. They consider it necessary to the proper development of the commerce of this country and to its protection from hostile forces. They want it, of course, to follow the most feasible route and to cost as little as is compatible with swift transit and solid construction. But they understand the need of it and that this need should be filled soon. There has been survey after survey of the various routes, the latest one during President Cleveland's present term. If our experts cannot by this time tell from all these surveys which is the best route, then they never will be able to tell.

After all the fuss and sensational reports the big battleship Texas has been pronounced sound, perfectly built and solid, in every respect seaworthy, and we are glad of it. The only persons interested in trying to make her out anything else were fake newspaper writers and private shipbuilders who wanted the government contracts let out to them instead of being executed in the government's navy yards. All of them ought to be sincerely ashamed of themselves.

During the year 1896 business enterprises and companies whose capital altogether amounted to over \$1,000,000 were taken out of the hands of assignees and receivers and restored to solvency. This is one of the signs that good times are slowly returning.

Lawyers are discussing earnestly the difference between kleptomaniacs and stealing. It is very easy to decide. When a rich person takes things that belong to other people, it is kleptomania; when a poor person does the same, it is plain stealing.

THE COSTLIEST THINGS.

Small Articles That Were Worth a Great Deal of Money.

A buff Leghorn pullet, exhibited at the chicken fair in Madison Square Garden, in January, 1892, was valued at \$100.

The costliest paintings of modern times have proved to be Meissonier's "1814" and Millet's "The Angelus." M. Chaudard gave \$50,000 francs (\$170,000) for "1814" and 750,000 francs (\$150,000) for "The Angelus." Mr. Henry Hilton in 1887 paid \$66,000 for Meissonier's "Friedland, 1807," and presented it to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. That was the highest price ever paid for a modern picture until "The Angelus" was sold at the Secretan sale for 553,000 francs. Of course the after-sales of the two great pictures mentioned broke even this record.

The shah of Persia has a tobacco pipe worth \$400,000.

The most costly book in the world is declared to be a Hebrew Bible now in the Vatican. In the year 1512 it is said that Pope Julius II refused to sell this Hebrew Bible for its weight in gold, which would amount to \$103,000. This is the greatest price ever offered for a book.

In the year 1635 a tulip bulb was sold in Holland for \$2,200. It weighed 200 grains.

The costliest meal ever served, as far as history shows, was a supper given by Ailius Verus, one of the most lavish of all the Romans of the latter day, to a dozen guests. The cost of this supper was 6,000 sesterces, which would amount to \$248,500, or nearly \$250,000. A celebrated feast given by Vitellius, a Roman emperor of those degenerate days, to his brother Lucius, cost a little over \$200,000. Suetonius says that this banquet consisted of 2,000 different dishes of fish and 7,000 different fowls, besides other courses in proportion.

Vitellius, fortunately for his exchequer, did not reign very long, else that would have been exhausted, as well as the game preserves of Libya, Spain and Britain and the waters of the Carpathian and Adriatic seas. One dish alone at the table of the Emperor Heliogabalus cost \$200,000.

The largest sum ever asked or offered for a single diamond is \$430,000, which the nizam of Hyderabad agreed to give to Mr. Jacobs, the famous jeweler of Simla, for the "imperial" diamond. This is considered the finest stone in the world. The costliest toy on record was a broken nosed wooden horse which belonged to Napoleon Bonaparte, and was sold a few years ago for 1,000 francs.

The costliest cigars ever brought to this country were a box of the brand specially made for the Prince of Wales in Havana, the manufacturer's price for which was \$1.87 apiece. Quite a popular cigar among some of the rich men in New York is a special Henry Clay which comes in a handsome box, wrapped in gold foil, and retails for \$1.40 apiece.

The largest price ever paid for a cane was bid at an auction in London of the walking sticks which were once the property of George III and George IV. It was \$18, or \$90, and was given for a walking stick of ebony, with a gold top, engraved "G. R.," and with a crown, and also containing the hair of the Princesses Augusta Elizabeth, Mary Sophia and Amelia, and inscribed, "The Gift of the Princess Mary, 1804."

The costliest mats in the world are owned by the shah of Persia and the sultan of Turkey. The shah and the sultan each possesses a mat made of pearls and diamonds valued at over \$2,500,000. The largest mat ever made is owned by the Carlton club of London, and is a work of art.—National Magazine.

A Story of Forrest.

It is related of him that on the occasion of his first voyage to Europe he fell in with a number of clergymen who were going abroad for a vacation rest. The clergymen were greatly impressed with Forrest's ability and his remarkable intelligence. But a storm arose and the great actor could restrain himself no longer. He went up and down the deck, stamping and swearing and damning the sea and all those who were so foolish as to intrust themselves to its care. Finally one of the ministers undertook to rebuke Forrest for his profanity. "Well," said Forrest, "your Master took a sea voyage once, according to tradition, and when he became tired of the boat he got out and walked, and I wish I could imitate his example and do so now." After this the ministers let the tragedian alone, concluding that he was past praying for.—Syracuse Post.

Frank Acknowledgment.

Contesting Heir—You haven't told me, Mr. Quill, how much your retainer will be.

Lawyer—Oh, I never take a retainer in a will case. I feel equally interested with the heirs, as a general thing.—Harlem Life.

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SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS AND DEALERS.

B. F. JACKSON & CO., Indianapolis, Ind.

The most melancholy fact in connection with Cuba is the destruction of all her industries. American citizens have many million dollars invested in Cuban sugar and tobacco plantations. The spoliation of Cuba means ruin to them. There was good reason for the statement in the president's message that "no other great power, under circumstances of similar perplexity, would have manifested the same restraint and the same patient endurance." Certainly no nation of Europe would, and that is a point British, French and German papers should make a note of when they utter hostile criticism on the sympathy of the people of the United States with the Cubans.

If it would not be impertinent to suggest such a thing to two of the greatest powers on earth, would it not be well for England and the United States to arrange to have also Venezuela directly represented by one of her own citizens in the boundary negotiations? It is her boundary, is it not?

It sounds very much like another cow that gives black-milk story, the account from Portsmouth, O., about the photographing of different articles of furniture through the bolson of two men in an office. We don't say it is not true, but we should like to see the photograph; that is all.

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AWAITING A VERDICT.

The Bice Case Went to the Jury This Afternoon.

The Bice case was closed this noon and this afternoon the jury has the case to decide whether or not John Bice is guilty of attempting to defraud the Connecticut Fire Insurance company.

James Wedcock, who is assisting in the defense, made his maiden speech before a jury and is certainly to be congratulated for he made an excellent impression. Mr. Motter closed for the defense this morning and prosecuting attorney Ridenour made the final argument. The Judge then charged the jury, who, after receiving their dinner, retired to the jury room.

One thing is certain: It will not do to fool with a bad cold. No one can tell what the end will be. Pneumonia, catarrh, chronic bronchitis, if not consumption, invariably result from a neglected cold. It is surprising, too, that bad colds are so often neglected when one remembers how easily and at what little expense they may be cured. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is always prompt and effective, and costs but a trifle; 25 or 50 cents is a trifle as compared with the disastrous effects of a neglected cold. Mr. Abner Mercer, of Oilworthtown, Chester county, Pa., in speaking of this remedy, said: "Sometime ago I had a bad cold and cough. I tried almost everything. Finally Mr. Hunt, the druggist, recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and one 50 cent bottle of it cured me entirely." For sale by Melville, the druggist, old postoffice corner; C. W. Helster, 53 public square.

Pedro Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Roush entertained a large number of their friends at their home on north Elizabeth street, last evening. Progressive pedro and dancing afforded the amusements until a late hour, when luncheon was served. The party watched the old year out and the new year in.

DISEASES OF THE SKIN.

The intense itching and smarting incident to eczema, tetter, salt-rheum, and other diseases of the skin is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites, and chronic sore eyes. For sale by druggists at 25 cents per box.

Try Dr. Cad's Condition Powders, they are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

NEW SUITS.

Charles Wonderly vs. William Oldfield and Prescilla Oldfield, cognovit.
Frank Ewing vs. Perry A. Bennett and Charles Bennett, cognovit.

One of the most remarkable cures of rheumatism on record is related by Mr. J. M. Thompson, postmaster at Decker's Point, Pa., as follows: "While out driving one day last winter I was caught in a cold rain. The next morning I was unable to move my head or arms, owing to an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. My clerk telephoned for a physician, but suggested that I use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, there being a bottle open on the counter. He rubbed the affected parts thoroughly with Pain Balm and built up a hot fire. I dozed off to sleep and when I awoke about half an hour later the pain had gone entirely, and I have not been troubled since. People come here from many miles around to buy Chamberlain's medicines." For sale by Melville, the druggist, old postoffice corner; C. W. Helster, 53 public square.

The Tom Thumb Wedding

Will only occupy an hour to night, so you can keep other engagements later. An elegant affair. Admission 15 cents. For children at 3 p. m. Saturday, 10 cents.

Money Box No. 1.

Containing \$50, was opened by Miss Louise Hoover, of north Elizabeth street, Lima.

WEIRD SCENES

Witnessed Last Evening By the Orientals

Seven Candidates Pass the Gates of the Princess of the Orient of Uran County.

The Knights of Pythias' Hall last evening was the scene of an initiation that will be remembered for at least one year, not only by those who witnessed the nervous actions of the timid candidates, but by the candidates themselves who did not see but felt.

The occasion was the annual initiation of candidates for the "Oriental," a rank supplementary to the three ranks of the order.

The goat's head had been well caloused, and after six years' rest he was in a splendid condition to do excellent service, and for several hours he kept the candidates guessing what he would do next. He introduced himself to seven inquiring candidates who realized that the goat was an ubiquitous animal and not to be trifled with. The candidates who rather felt than saw the secret rites, were Prof. Peers, O. G. Kemmer, Chas. B. Adgate, J. F. Orthwein, J. M. Davis, George Stout and Rev. R. Thomson.

After the Princess of the Orient had satisfied herself that the candidates were sufficiently enlightened they, with those who on some previous occasions had endured similar ordeals, retired to the banquet room, where an excellent feast had been prepared by caterer Bowers. A large number of the lodge members were present, together with a number of visitors from out of the city.

AMONG THE RAILROADS.

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Night Yardmaster Smith, of the L. E. & W., who was called to Tip-ton, Ind., recently by the death of his mother-in-law, will resume his duties to-night.

Wade Hitchcock, of the C. H. & D. railroad, is receiving congratulations to-day upon the arrival of an eleven pound boy. The entire family is doing as well as could be expected.—Troy News, Piqua Call.

Harry Crosby, a railway man well known in this city, who is connected with a southern line, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., is now visiting friends in and about Ft. Wayne. For several years Harry was trainmaster of the Ft. Wayne branch of the L. E. & W. road.

The Lima Northern soliciting committee raised about \$1,500 yesterday. Reports will be made every evening until the necessary amount has been subscribed. Offers of idle men to contribute their labor are being accepted, and will be used to "patch out with."—Adrian Times.

John King, a gray-haired switchman of the Erie road at Salamanca, owned an eighty-acre tract of wild land two miles up the Colpman valley. Some years ago he sold the timber on the tract, and a year ago he would have blessed the man who would have taken the land off his hands for \$500. Today he is receiving \$250 per week royalty from its oil production. He last week surrendered his switch key and proposes now to take life easier.

Rev. W. L. Porter, of Chicago, while riding on a P. & W. & C. passenger train, was injured yesterday as the train pulled out of Crestline. While walking in the aisle he stumbled over the baggage of a fellow-passenger, and his head struck a seat, inflicting a diagonal wound five inches long on the forehead and laying the skull bare. Dr. Stemen, the company's physician, dressed the wound and accompanied the gentleman to Chicago.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

BIRDS OF ILL NATURE.

The Cruelty of Swans as Displayed Toward Other Fowls.

Among those birds which stay at home, especially the most domesticated, there is often an exhibition of unkindness seemingly unaccountable, says a writer in The Cornhill Magazine. The graceful swan, a. g., is one of the most ungracious in its ways. Not only (i. e. the breeding season) does a male bird resent the intrusion of a strange gentle man, but it will spend the day in driving off from its domain any unlucky geese, which might be plainly assumed to have no designs upon its domestic arrangements and have, indeed, no desire beyond that for a comfortable wash and swim. It will also pursue even the most innocent of newborn ducklings while they unwittingly rejoice in an early taste of their common element.

When an only child has passed out of the egg stage of life and grown to full physical if not mental maturity, father and mother swans have been known to fall upon and deliberately beat it to death with wing and beak. The gratified parents swim gracefully about the mere in which they lived, while the great white corpse of their son lay, battered and dead, upon the shore. The following year, after another had been born to them and in infancy, carried upon his mother's back, they began to treat him so roughly that, not being pinioned like them, he wisely flew away and we saw him no more. Curiously enough, geese which have experienced rudeness from swans in the lusty spring have been known to retaliate in the calmer autumn, when the fierceness of their enemy had become mitigated. I have seen a gander leap upon the back of a once arrogant swan and pound away at it in the full enjoyment of gratified revenge.—San Francisco Chronicle.

THE NEW YEAR.

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sandwiches, macaroons, candies and bananas, was served, after which the presents were distributed.

The children attending the Kindergarten are: Kenneth Mebaffey, Herbert Baxter, Duncan Mac Donell, Nora Sprague, Helen Baxter, Calvin Selfridge, Ruth Stueber, Edward Sprague, Roger House, Jeanette Melville, Marguerite Warner, Elmore Bell, Gertrude Brice, Mary Thomas, Willard Ohler, Harry Agarter, Karl Kiplinger and Ralph Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Dabell entertained the High Five Club last evening. The pasteboards held the attention of all until a late hour, when a delicious supper was served.

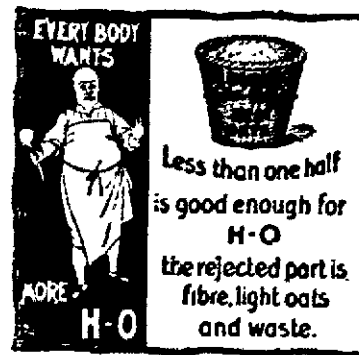
The Y. M. C. A. reception to-day is to be one of unusual interest, the afternoon being given over to gentlemen, and this evening to ladies and gentlemen. Good music and light refreshments will be provided for all.

Miss Helen Coss, of west Market street, last evening received a few of her friends who watched the year of '96 pass into history to give place to the year '97. The old year was given a happy adieu and the new year was most heartily welcomed. The jolly party amused themselves in taking an active part in an auction in which Thorne Mitchell was the "crier." He thoroughly demonstrated to all present that he had certainly missed his calling. In a dimly-lighted room weird ghost stories were related until the boys, fearing the appearance of evil spirits, withdrew to where they could not be seen.

A delicate luncheon was served, after which the party assisted in the welcoming of the new year. A delightful time was enjoyed by everyone. The guests left at an "early" hour, wishing their hosts a happy new year.

Miss Ammerman entertained in a very delightful manner a number of her girl friends Wednesday evening. A delicious lunch was served, and the guests departed at a late hour, wishing Miss Ammerman a happy New Year.

Kramis, Mercer County, Pa. We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best remedy in use. We use it in our own families, and it is a favorite among our customers. Becker Bros. & Co. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Melville, the druggist, old postoffice corner; C. W. Helster, 53 public square.



THE CZARINA'S EDUCATION.

It Was More Thorough Than That of Ordinary Girls.

Henri Comte, who for several years was the present czar's instructor in French literature, has written a charming account of her childhood and early womanhood. Her bringing up strongly reflected the sentiments and principles of her grandmother, the good Queen Victoria. The Grand Duchess Alice, in writing to the queen, once said as to the education of her children:

"I strive to bring them up totally free from pride of their position, which is nothing save what their personal worth can make it. I feel so entirely as you do on the difference of rank and how all important it is for princes and princesses to know that they are nothing better or above others save through their own merit, and that they have only the double duty of living for others and of being an example—good and modest."

These ideas differed somewhat from those which governed the education of the Grand Dauphin in France or of Charles II in England. And the great Russian nation may well be thankful because of this fact.

The educational routine of the court of Darmstadt before the present czarina was married shows how some of the princely born of this modern time are made to work in order to be fitted for what are conceived to be the requirements of their rank. Seven o'clock was the hour of rising. From breakfast until the midday dinner, except for an hour devoted to a promenade either on foot or on horseback, the time was given to study.

Beyond the elemental course this included the living languages, French and English in particular, which the princesses were made to talk fluently at an early age; the lighter accomplishments, such as music, drawing, painting and dancing; the more practical, such as

sewing and a knowledge of the art of cooking. In the afternoon there was a carriage ride or an excursion. After the return to the palace tea was served, and then the duties of study were resumed. Once a week there was a holiday and a half holiday. The old fashioned childish amusements, with dolls, etc., were not indulged. Instead of these the princesses had instructive toys, such as phonographs, telephones, photographic apparatus, magic lanterns, etc., and were encouraged in all the hygienic sports, equestrianism, canoeing, croquet, tennis, skating, cycling. The czarina is a fearless rider both of horse and bicycle. As to pocket money, the czarina received until she was 8 years old 2 cents a day, from her eighth to her twelfth year 25 cents a day and from her twelfth to her sixteenth year 60 cents a day. From that time she began to be treated as a young woman. Her short dresses were laid aside, she was given her first real article of jewelry, and she was seated at the principal family table instead of the small one. She was allowed evening amusement, and traveled during her vacations. But her education continued until she was married to the czar.—Exchange.

It's by the Box.

It is no doubt an encouraging sign that English travelers in the United States are making studies of American humor and occasionally attempting something in imitation of it.

It is said that recently a prominent financier of London was given a banquet in New York by bankers of that city. He knew that his health would be proposed, and that he would be expected to respond.

The complimentary speeches were made, and the Englishman rose. There was great applause, and while it went on the waiters were observed taking around small pasteboard boxes to all the guests at the table. These were opened at once and were found to contain small bits of cardboard on which were printed letter H's.

"Gentlemen," said the Englishman as the company became silent, "before I begin let me say that I drop a lot of the letters you have before you. Please pick them up and use them as your discretion suggests."

The hint for this ingenious bit of humor, which was greeted with a new and rapturous round of applause, was undoubtedly derived from Lord Timothy Dexter's famous page of punctuation marks at

the end of his book, with which the reader was invited to "jamper and salt to his liking."—Youth's Companion.

An Oversight.

The girl was just out of a convent and had never been in a theater in all her life before. As the curtain rose her escort handed her a pair of opera glasses. The girl looked at them for a moment. Then she raised them to her dainty nose, sniffing at first one side and then the other. "Why," she said, as she handed the lorgnette back to her companion, "you ain't got any salts in them."—Washington Post.

Hanna's Pineapple Patch.

According to a correspondent of the Washington Star, Marcus A. Hanna owns a little pineapple patch in Dade county, Fla., which he loves to visit. "Mr. Hanna," he says, "was boarding at Palm Beach, where the hotels charge \$6 a day during three months of the year and \$4 a week during the other nine. Well, Mr. Hanna was boarding there during the \$6 a day season. The germ of the pineapple contagion entered his blood, and he bought an acre of pine land from Representative Linton of Michigan, who owns a big tract of muck and pine lands along the Biscayne Bay canal. Mr. Hanna's acre lies between the Atlantic and the Everglades, 300 miles south of Jacksonville. Uncle Moses Hawkins 'tends it and sends a monthly crop report to Mr. Hanna. Uncle Moses told the writer that he would rather grub an acre of hummock land with the sun at meridian and the mosquitoes in full bloom than to write out 'dat' port ter Marse Hauner.'"

Thermometers.

At times of severe frost many persons not skilled in the use of thermometers report remarkably low temperatures. These are often due to the thermometric liquid having partly evaporated from the main column and condensed at the end of the tube farthest from the bulb, the thermometer then reading just as many degrees too low as there are degrees of spirit at the top of the tube. Good thermometers are just as liable to this error as common ones, and therefore every one using a spirit minimum thermometer must be on the alert. Generally the owner can restore the thermometer without sending it back to the maker. Grasp the thermometer firmly, resting a finger on the tube so that there be no vibration, and, holding the bulb downward, give several strong, pendulous swirls. This will usually send the spirits from the top and send the index into the bulb. Stand the thermometer bulb downward for an hour, then reverse it and very gently shake the index out of the bulb and let it slide to the end of the column, when the thermometer will be as good as new.—New York Ledger.

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And Leave the Rest.

Be sure and take advantage of the great special sale now going on. Every dollar's worth of merchandise that was slightly damaged by our unfortunate fire, Thursday evening, Dec. 24, 1896, by smoke and water, MUST be sold at once, and you reap the benefit of the loss.

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Fly Feet.

The means by which a fly can creep up a pane of glass or walk on a ceiling have long been the subject of contention among scientists, some claiming that the fly foot is a sucker, others that adhesion is effected by the aid of a viscous fluid exuding from the foot, and others again that the fly walks by means of a ciliary apparatus which answers the purpose of a hook.

Was This an Omen?

A young couple visited the town clerk's office in Caribou, Me., one evening recently for the purpose of getting married. The clerk was out, and while they were waiting his arrival the 4-year-old adopted daughter of the official seated herself in front of the couple and entertained them by saying, "Needles and pins; when a man marries, his trouble begins."—Boston Herald.

A Good Invention.

Invalids are now given a bath without the necessity of removing them from the bed. The device consists of a canvas sheet fastened loosely to a frame over the bed, in which the patient is placed. The center, being lower than the edges, it holds all the water necessary for the bath.

Mother Almost Worn Out. Hand's Colic Cure Gave Instant Relief.

BELL BROOK, O., March 25, '96.—Dr. Hand—"I received your sample bottle of Colic Cure and was never so glad in my life. My baby had the wind colic ever since she was born and I was almost worn out. I gave her a dose without my husband's knowledge and it gave her instant relief, and she has not been the least trouble since I gave her the first dose. I would not be without it for anything. I will recommend your Colic Cure to every mother. Mrs. J. C. Wade." Sold by all druggists, 25c.

Had Catarrh 36 Years.

Joshua Bacon, conductor on the P. W. & B. R. R., says: "I had a severe cough which settled on my lungs. I tried a number of advertised remedies and also placed myself under treatment of several physicians, with no benefit. I was recommended to try Foley's Honey and Tar. With little expectation of getting relief, I purchased a bottle. I had taken but few doses when I felt greatly improved; I was enabled to sleep, spitting of blood ceased, and by the time I had taken the second bottle I was entirely well. It saved my life." H. F. Vortkamp, n. e. cor. Main and North streets.

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ON THE CLERMONT.

INCIDENTS OF THE FIRST VOYAGE OF FULTON'S STEAMBOAT.

A Group of Women Who Made the Historic Trip. How the Engagement of the Inventor Was Announced—Predictions Made by Chancellor Livingston.

Helen Everett, Smith, in The Century, has a paper on "A Group of American Girls Early in the Century," which gives pleasant glimpses of Chancellor Livingston and Robert Fulton. The chancellor invited several of his fair cousins to make a trip from New York to his home at Clermont in a new boat.

The "new boat" of the letter was the now celebrated Clermont, the steamboat of Robert Fulton, which in August, 1807, made the first successful steam voyage up the astonished Hudson and demonstrated to the world that a new force had been discovered by which old methods in nearly all lines were to be revolutionized.

Very likely, with all their loving confidence in the wisdom of the chancellor, the sisters embarked with some distrust of his new boat's making good its promise to get them home in less than three days, even if both wind and tide should prove unfavorable, but they were not afraid of anything worse than delay, though most of their friends feared for them. During the nine years that had passed since "Robert R. Livingston and Robert Fulton had first secured the concession to navigate the waters in New York state for 20 years, providing they should build a boat of not less than 20 tons, that would go not less than four miles an hour against wind and tide," the subject had been so often talked over in their presence that the sisters were already quite intelligent upon it and laughed at the fears of their timorous friends.

The embarkation was from a dock "near the state prison" (which was in "Greenwich village," on the North river) and was witnessed by a crowd of "not less than 500 persons." Many were friends of the passengers, who bade them farewell with much solicitude as if they were going to Madagascar, especially trembling with apprehension at the "terrible risk run by sailing in a boat full of fire."

The adventurous voyagers, who were the guests of Robert Fulton and Chancellor Livingston, were about 40 in number, including but a few ladies. Among the latter, besides our two young sisters and their aunt, Mrs. Thomas Morris (daughter-in-law of Robert Morris, the financier of the Revolution), were at least one of the chancellor's two daughters, four of the many daughters of his brothers, John R. and Colonel Harry, and a young lady who was more interested in the result of this memorable experiment than any one save the inventor himself. In all the biographies of Fulton Miss Harriet Livingston is called the chancellor's niece, but she was really his cousin. She was a beautiful, graceful and accomplished woman and had long given her heart to Robert Fulton. The fair Harriet was at this time about two and twenty and "deeply in love with her handsome, gifted lover as any girl will could be." There were many distinguished and fine looking men on board the Clermont, but my grandmother always described Robert Fulton as surpassing them all. "That son of a Pennsylvania farmer," she was wont to say, "was really a prince among men. He was as modest as he was great and as handsome as he was modest." His eyes were glorious with love and genius.

A little before reaching Clermont, when the success of the voyage was well assured, the betrothal was announced by the chancellor in a graceful speech, in the course of which he prophesied that the "name of the inventor would descend to posterity as that of a benefactor to the world, and that it was not impossible that before the close of the present century vessels might even be able to make the voyage to Europe without other motive power than steam."

This happy prediction was received with but moderate approval by any, while smiles of incredulity were exchanged between those who were placed that they could not be seen by the speechmaker or the inventor. John R. was heard to say in an aside to his cousin, John Swift Livingston, that "Bob had many a bee in his bonnet before now, but this time folly would prove the worst enemy yet." But the chancellor's brothers lived to see the ocean regularly traversed by steam vessels, but the prophet himself and the inventor both passed away before the realization of their dreams.

The Sleeping Disease.

On the western coast of Africa they have a singular and always fatal malady which is known as the sleeping disease, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch. The person attacked by it is seized with a sensation of drowsiness, which continues to increase in spite of the efforts made to throw it off. Finally the patient sinks into a profound sleep, which continues for about three weeks, or until death ensues. The most curious feature of the disease is that, aside from the drowsiness, the patient seems much as usual. The pulse, respiration and temperature are normal, while he may be easily aroused and will take nourishment and answer questions in a perfectly natural manner.

Critic's Bad.

"Yes," spoke they of the one who had gone, "was utterly and hopelessly bad. His wickedness might have been forgiven had it been accompanied by any redeeming trait, but he had none. He couldn't even tell a funny story."—Indianapolis Journal.

The white carnation is regarded in England as an emblem of disdain. This idea was probably suggested by the upright habit of the flower, which nods and waves haughtily in the breeze.

AN EVENING QUEST.

An angel came at close of day
From places far and far,
His garments all of gold and gray
Assumed the evening star.
As angels do, his robe of white
Front and back, to his feet grew,
And peace and love, to his face grew,
Were in his kindly eyes.

His coming brought the cattle home
From fields far and near,
A curlew whining o'er the foam
Hied hitherward to her nest.
By brook and ditch each cup and bell
Shut softly in the damp
Saw where the primrose sentinal
Heag out its yellow lamp.

How little children were with play
Was taking, as of yore,
Aurora came at the evening day
Drooping heavily to rest.
Then home again, with glad content,
The angels sang a sweet
For the world to love,
To part the world to love.

—Old Maids in Youth's Companion

BY TELEPHONE.

Jennie Bartlett's father and mother had been suddenly called away for the night to Graysford, where Mrs. Bartlett's sister was lying seriously ill, and Jennie was left to keep the tollgate alone. It was not a difficult task for scarcely any one traveled over the Barrington road after 9 o'clock, and those who did passed through the open gate without paying toll.

But even if the task had been harder, Jennie would have been equal to it. She had lived at the tollgate ever since she was a baby, and knew perfectly well what to charge and how to give the proper change—indeed she often took toll for her father when he was at home, and people passing through would wonder how so bright and pretty a girl could grow up in so lonesome a place.

Jennie, however, did not mind the lonesomeness. Her dearest wish was to go to a boarding school, but as long as she was at home it mattered little to her that Barrington was three miles off on the one hand and Weycester ten miles on the other, and that there was scarcely a house between. She even liked the solitude, and was almost sorry when the telephone connecting Barrington with Weycester made a connection by the way with the tollgate.

Before that they seemed to be out of the world, and the people coming through the gate were like visitors from another sphere. Now the frequent ringing of the call bell reminded her that civilization was not so far distant after all. On this particular night there was not liable to be even the usual number of passers-by. Looking out of the door about 9 o'clock, Jennie could hardly see more than 100 feet either up or down the road. It would be a bad night, she thought, for the gate to swing shut. Anybody coming along might run into it without warning. For that matter, people might run into the posts on either side. So she hung a lantern on one post to prevent this accident, and going into the house, locked the door and went to bed. The fact that she was alone in the house did not disturb her in the least, and in a minute or two she was fast asleep.

Some time in the night she was suddenly awakened by the ringing of the telephone bell. She listened confusedly to hear if it would ring three times, which was the tollgate signal. If it rang oftener, it was to call up some of the other people on the same wire. Two of the connections she knew were in Weycester, the third and fourth were in the Barrington bank, the fifth in the tannery and the sixth in the central office at Barrington. In the bewildered Jennie could not determine at first how many times the bell did ring, but at last she decided it was six—the call for the Barrington central office. That did not mean the tollgate, of course, and Jennie prepared to turn over for another nap when a sudden thought aroused her.

It was certainly after midnight, and the central office did not keep open later than 12 o'clock. The bank, too, was shut up, and so was the tannery—on the whole line she was probably the only person who could hear the bell. What if it should be something important? Indeed it would hardly ring at that time of night unless it were important.

Quickly jumping out of bed, she ran to the instrument, put the receiver to her ear, and called through the transmitter:

"Hello! Hello!"

A voice came back to her, so distinct that it seemed almost in the same room, saying:

"Hello! Is that the central office?"

The tone was quick and sharp, and Jennie felt sure that something must have happened.

"No, sir," she called. "It's the tollgate. I'm Jennie Bartlett."

"Tell your father to come here immediately," the voice said. "It's very important."

Jennie felt a sinking at her heart.

"Father's away," she said, "and I'm here alone."

She heard the voice exclaim something in an impatient tone, and then the sound of two or three people talking, as though there was some doubt as to what could be done.

"Can I do anything?" she inquired, almost hoping that she could not.

Another conversation followed, which Jennie overheard; the speakers were no doubt nearer the telephone.

"Why do you want to let them get into Barrington at all?" the voice asked. "Why not stop them at the tollgate?"

"To be sure," said another. "If they get past the gate as likely as not they'll turn down the Riverton road, and get Allen off the truck. They can't turn off before they reach the gate. We are sure of that as far as that."

"Tell the girl!"—And Jennie caught only a confusion of sounds.

Presently she heard another "Hello!"

"Hello!" she responded.

"The Weycester bank has been robbed," the voice went on hurriedly, "by two men who were in a spring cart, drawn by a white horse. They have driven toward Barrington, with Mr. Allen and two constables in pursuit, but the thieves have half an hour's start. You must—"

Here the voices stopped suddenly and completely. Even the hum of electricity was cut off. It was in vain that she rang the bell and called "Hello!" No one answered. Jennie felt once more the old sense that she was out of the world. Weycester seemed all at once hundreds of miles away. But what was it that she must do? Why had not the connection lasted a minute longer, when her instructions would have been complete? When were the robbers expected?

Jennie made a little calculation. If there had been some 30 minutes before any one started in pursuit, that would carry them, by fast driving, half way to the tollgate. If ten minutes had gone by before the telephone bell had rung, she might expect them within half an hour.

What was she to do?

The conversation which she had overheard came to her mind. "Stop them at the tollgate," one of the voices had said.

Very likely they would have told her what to do if the telephone had kept on. But how could a little girl arrest two armed and desperate men?

By this time she began to feel bewildered. She could not go to bed with this responsibility upon her, even though she did not know how to meet it; so, dressing herself, she opened the front door and looked and listened.

The night was darker than ever. A little space about the gate was lit up by the warning lantern. It would not help in stopping burglars, she suddenly thought, to illuminate their way; so, going over to the light, she blew it out, leaving the road in total darkness. That was at least one step toward the desired end.

All at once she thought of the gate.

"How stupid of me!" she said to herself. "Why didn't I think of that before?"

The gate was fastened back against the front of the house, but in a moment she had unhooked it and swung it round, until it stretched completely across the road. There was only a latch upon it, and going into the house she brought from one place a padlock and another a chain, with which she fastened the gate so securely that no ordinary strength could force it open.

"They can't get through that," she said to herself, "and there isn't any way of getting round it."

Then she went into the house, locked and bolted the door, pushed a heavy chest of drawers against it, fastened all the windows, pulled down the blinds and waited in the dark for the sound of wheels.

It was not long before the sound came, but to Jennie every minute seemed an hour, while every rustling leaf outside sounded like a man's stealthy tread. When at last she heard the robbers coming, far up the road, her heart stood still.

Nearer and nearer they came. Would they see the gate? she wondered.

The horse kept on; there was a sudden exclamation outside, a crash as though something had come into collision with the gate, the sound of splintering wood, and the noise of a plunging horse. Jennie did not venture to move. She dared not go to the window, but sat in the middle of the room, shaking with fear and listening for what would happen next.

Presently steps sounded on the pavement outside, and in a moment there was a rap at the door.

Jennie remained perfectly quiet though her heart beat so loud that she thought they might hear it outside. In a moment the knocking ceased.

"Folks asleep," she could hear one of the men say.

"Asleep or dead or run away," he other man growled.

"Shall we try the window?"

"Yes."

Jennie trembled all over, but let her breath, when tried, held firm.

"Oh, come on!" exclaimed the companion. "Don't let us waste

"May I inquire what for?"

"I'm a reporter," I said, laying down my pencil, for it occurred to me that he might not know of all our modern innovations. "It is true that I am at home temporarily out of a job, but I should like to work up a special article if you don't mind of an interview with you."

The ghost looked puzzled and a little alarmed, yet not altogether displeased. He uncrossed his legs and sat up straight, preening himself, as a man of fashion does, smoothing his hair and putting his hand to his cravat. And when I looked at him again he was no longer dressed in his baggy clothes, but in the most picturesque old velvet suit, embroidered in white, with knee breeches, silk stockings on his well turned legs and a powdered wig.

The change did not surprise me, though I was a little amazed to find so much vanity still residing in one who could hardly expect our fine society to take him seriously, at least by daylight. I made a note, however, of his distinguished appearance, for I have noticed in my profession that that is the most important part of an interview, as far as the person interviewed is concerned. Then I came to my leading question:

"Will you please tell the readers of the — (I will fill in the name when I have sold the article) why you do not rest in your grave but haunt?"

"Sir," he shouted indignantly. "You have no right to ask such a question. It is no affair of yours."

"Mr. Symonds," I answered respectfully, but with dignity, "I am not asking this to satisfy my own curiosity. For me it suffices that you do haunt and do come here at an hour which for any one not in your condition of life, or—or—death, would be unseemly. It is solely in my professional capacity as reporter, to satisfy the craving for information of the great American people, as exemplified in the readers of the—whatever paper buys my story—that I ask you this question."

"It is nevertheless a question no gentleman would ask," he answered hotly.

Still preserving my calm, in spite of his language, I replied, "Mr. Symonds, in the celebrated divorce trial, in which you were counsel for the plaintiff, you asked infinitely more impertinent questions in the discharge of your duties than I am now asked in the discharge of mine."

The ghost winced. I had known nothing of this particular Miffins-Scarborough case, yet of divorce trials in general I knew enough to make the assertion confidently. For a minute the ghost sat silent, pondering, abashed.

"Are all your questions as searching?" he asked at length, humbly.

"All," I answered firmly, to dispel any lingering erroneous hopes he might entertain. I smiled at his dismay, a smile perhaps as irritating to him as his detached or disembodied smile had been to me. It was my triumph, and I showed it, perhaps too plainly, forgetting one resource of a ghost for extricating himself from unpleasant predicaments.

Not another word was spoken, but all at once I found myself again looking through the window, the view, this time, not even obstructed by a smile.

I never saw Mr. Symonds again. Evidently the complications of our fin de siècle civilization were too much for him.—Kenneth Brown in Magpie.

A CASE OF TELEPATHY.

One Lady Appeared in a Vision at the Time of Her Death.

A gentleman took a house in Ireland for six months and was accompanied thither by his wife and daughters. The house was furnished and had plenty of bedrooms. Therefore it was decided not to use a certain large, long room with cupboards along one side (which had all been locked and sealed up with tape) in which things belonging to the owners of the house had been put away. One evening one of the daughters, going to her room, saw an old lady wrapped in a shawl walking along the passage in front of her. The old lady appeared to know her way and hurried on without hesitation into the unused room. The girl called her sister, and they followed the dame into the room. But all was silent. No one was there. The dust lying about showed no signs of footprints.

Shortly after the same young lady was reading on the hearth rug by firelight. Looking up, she beheld the old lady standing in the doorway watching her. Greatly frightened, she sprang up, and, rushing down stairs, was found fainting at the drawing room door. At last the family returned to Dublin. One day when a friend was calling the curious incident which I have narrated was referred to. The young lady very unwillingly told her experiences. The visitor seemed much struck and asked for an accurate description of the old lady.

"For," said she, "that house belonged to two old ladies, sisters, and when they left their house they went to reside at Geneva. One of them, answering exactly to the description you have given, died at the time you saw her appear."

—Realm.

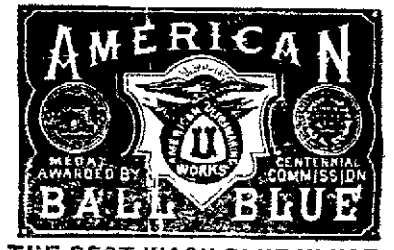


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ABOUT PEOPLE

Who They Are, Where They Have
Been, and Are Going.

Miss Autschul is visiting friends
at Findlay.

Miss Pearl Grafton is visiting relatives
at Findlay.

Miss Weatherell is the guest of
friends in Findlay.

Bob Gordon, of Buckland, was in
the city this morning.

J. Frank Miller attended the dance
at Findlay last evening.

Charles Seldom is spending the day
with friends at Van Wert.

Miss Alice O'Neill was the guest of
friends in Van Wert last night.

Mrs. Hulbert, of east Market street,
is visiting her sister in Chicago.

Conductor John P. Jackson, of the
Lake Erie, is spending the day at
Ada.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jewett, of To-
ledo, are the guests of Dwight
Ginter.

John Kurtz, of Mattoon, Ill., is
visiting Mrs. Thompson, of west
North street.

Miss Daley Wise went to Dayton
this morning to spend New Year's
Day with relatives.

Mrs. Dell Bechtel, of Lafayette,
is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Daniels,
of north Pine street.

Miss Reddie, who has been visiting
Miss Thomas, of west Market street,
has returned to her home at Findlay.

Misses Margaret Connor and Mayme
Nolan, of Ft. Wayne, are the guests
of Miss Edna Daly, north West street.

Superintendent Blair, of the Child-
ren's Home, and family left this
morning to spend the day at Lafayette.

Mrs. Mary Fessenden, of Spring-
field, is visiting her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. H. A. Durnbaugh, of south
Main street.

Conductor and Mrs. Richard Peck,
of south Elizabeth street, went to
Wapakoneta this morning to spend
the day with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbins, who have
been visiting his brother Richard M.
Robbins and wife, of north Jefferson
street, returned to their home at
Jackson, Mich., last night.

Misses Margaret and Tris I. Clarey,
who have been the guests of their
sister, Mrs. Thos. McNiff, of north
Jackson street, returned to their
home at Hagerman to-day.

Mrs. Albert P. Connell, whose hus-
band was buried here Wednesday,
was called to Norwalk yesterday by
the critical illness of her mother.
Mrs. Lavey, who is not expected to
recover.

TALES OF THE TOWN.

The marriage of Mr. A. F. Vort-
kamp, of this city, and Miss Clara
Cahill, of Cincinnati, has been an-
nounced, and will take place on Jan.
12th.

To-day was the feast of the circum-
cision of our Lord. Masses were ce-
lebrated at St. Rose church at 5 and 9
o'clock. Benediction and devotional
exercises this evening at 7 o'clock.

The fire department this afternoon
was called to extinguish a small fire
in the residence of T. F. Seward, on
north Elizabeth street. The fire
caught from a defective flue. But
little damage was done.

Miss Ida Umbaugh, a teacher in
the primary grade, of the Grand
avenue building, has resigned on ac-
count of ill health. Miss Margaret
Holdridge has been assigned to her
room and Miss Catherine Downey will
take charge of the primary room in
the Rose avenue building.

THE "HIGH SIGN"

Was Given Prof. Frey at Nine
o'clock Last Night

AT THE TRAINMEN'S DANCE.

How the Old Year Was ushered Out and
the New One Was Welcomed—The
Bachelors' Last Chance at
the German Hall.

The departure of the last hours of
the eventful year of '96 and the ar-
rival of the infant '97 was not an
event to escape unobserved in
Lima last night. Few were the
young people who were not
awake to hear the midnight
sounding of steam whistles and the
clanging of bells when the New Year
was welcomed. Many parties and
watch meetings were held, but the
most important of the local events
were the seventh annual ball given
at Music hall by Lima Lodge No. 200
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen,
and the dance of the Bachelors' club
at the German hall.

AT MUSIC HALL

The scene in Music hall was indeed
the signal of a grand event, and the
Trainmen's ball was justly pronounced
one of the most successful public
dances ever given in the city. The
attendance was exceedingly large
and the crowd unusually gay and
joyous. The decorations were mag-
nificent. The stage was banked with
flowers and palms, and decorated
with emblems of the order, lighted
signal lamps and bunting, while
around the entire front of the bal-
cony, red white and green lamps
were hung in great numbers.

THE "HIGH SIGN"

was given Prof. Frey and his splendid
orchestra at 9 o'clock, and the grand
march began. The march was led by
C. J. Sweeney, of the O. H. & D.,
and Mrs. O. E. Robinson, of the
South Side, assisted by Master Brake-
man Dennis Goonen, of the B. of R.
T., and Miss May Morrissey. The
march was very pretty, and was fol-
lowed by a programme of twenty-
four popular dances, entitled as fol-
lows:

Quadrille, To the Switchmen; Waltz,
Get a Chain; schottische, B. of L. F.;
lancers, Cut 'Em All Off; waltz (lag-
gers' choice) Fly Stop; polka, (lag-
gers' choice) The Eye Dance, Kick 'Em
Into Clear; quadrille, to B. of L. E.;
waltz, Doubling Findlay Hill; Oxford
Minnet, Take Water; two-step, With
Your Best Girl, Intermission. Waltz
to our Superintendents; lancers,
Down Leipsic Hill; quadrille, To Boys
on the Road; society, The Lima, To
Our Dispatchers; schottische, To O.
B. C.; quadrille, No Running Switch-
es; Newport, Making Up Time; waltz,
To Our Trainmasters; two-step, Close
Time; quadrille, To Our Citizens; the
waltz circle, To Our Yardmasters;
waltz, Home, Sweet Home, A Happy
New Year.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY

to the B. of R. T. was an important
factor to the success of the affair.
At intermission the members of this
organization served an excellent sup-
per in the ladies' reception room ad-
joining the dance hall. To the vari-
ous committees of the Trainmen's
lodge is also due much credit for
their untiring efforts in making the
affair a complete success and thor-
oughly enjoyable for the patrons.
These committees consisted of the
following gentlemen:

Arrangement—M. Frederic, J. A.
Crowley, C. H. Zellers
Door—C. E. Myton, John Frost, C.
H. Campbell, Bert Cupp
Reception—John Sweeney, Oscar
Love, David Wooden, C. F. Heider,
J. B. Waltz, J. Welsh, W. Q. Morris,
Charles Grosvenor, E. J. Shanks, F.
M. Redding, J. E. Purcell, C. H.
Davis.

Floor—J. E. Galarneau, Chief; Jas.
Kelly, C. Hollis, C. L. Warner, D. F.
Goonen, J. Connors, C. J. Sweeney,
John Clifford, J. Harboit.

THE BACHELORS' CLUB.

The lady friends of the gentlemen
of the Bachelors' Club gave a very
very delightful affair at the German
hall. A programme of eighteen
dances was arranged, and greatly en-
joyed by the thirty couples present.
The affair was a novel one, inasmuch
as it was conducted as a leap year
dance until after the clock tolled the
hour of midnight and announced the
arrival of the new year. The first
nine dances of the programme were
engaged by the ladies, and the fair
ones also escorted the bashful bach-
elors to an elaborate supper, which
was served at 11 o'clock and consisted
of the following:

MENU:

Brnad and Butter Squares, Chicken Salad,
Cold Meats, Cranberry Jelly,
Coffee, Tea, Devil's Oake,
Angel Food, Ice Cream.

Immediately after midnight the
programme of dances was again re-
sumed and the girls were again the
same shy creatures they were before
leap year, and the gentlemen of the
club who had not received a proposal
before midnight concluded that they
would always remain members of the
club in good standing.

The committees consisted of the
following ladies:
Reception—Miss Amanda Becker,
Miss Mollie Baxter and Mrs. Bowr.
Floor—Miss Pearl Faze and Mrs.
Ed Bechler.

THE NEW YEAR.

Its Arrival Heralded with
Many Gay Festivities.

WATCH PARTIES NUMEROUS

Miss Inez Lowe Entertains a Merry Party
—Mr. and Mrs. LeVine Celebrate
Their China Wedding—Other
Society News.

Miss Inez Lowe entertained the
following young people last evening:
Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Brotherton,
Misses Blanche Neuman, Gertrude
Finley, Bessie Reichelderfer, Grace
Orchard, Bertha Lee, Edna Burton,
Carrie Cross, Ethel Rockhill, Nellie
Leete, Harriet McCoy, Nettie Shreve
and the Misses Moore. The fortu-
nate young gentlemen in attendance
were: Messrs Chas and Joe Hoyer,
Earl Bressler, Orrie Clutter, Roy
Banta, Houston Spyker, Warren
Meilly, Bert Myers, Harry Ashton,
Walter Morris, Walter Campbell,
Fred Meilly, Lou Stephens and Pier-
son Keys. Pedro was the fascinating
game, which claimed their attention
until late, the head prizes being a
cut glass vase, won by Miss Nell
Leete, and a bunch of roses, won by
Warren Meilly. Dancing and music
helped to chase away the last hours
of the old year and welcome in the
new.

Mr. and Mrs. M. LeVine
Thursday Evening, December Thirty-first,
at Seven Thirty o'clock,
311 south Elizabeth street,
Lima, Ohio.

E. S. V. No Presents

The above invitations were accepted
by about forty friends last even-
ing, who were well repaid for ventur-
ing out on such an unpleasant even-
ing, for they were royally entertained
the entire evening.

The house was lavishly decorated
with fragrant carnations and festoons
of similar and ferns, under the direc-
tion of Swan. A short musical pro-
gramme was much enjoyed by all,
and was as follows:

The Milkmaid's Wedding. Keller
Scenes that are Bachelors' Weddings.
Mrs. Kahle.

Piano solo. Miss Schaffer.
German song. Mrs. Harper.

Piano solo. Mrs. Henderson.
Auld Lang Syne. By company.

After this a laughable mock wed-
ding ceremony was performed.

A number of beautiful presents of
rare china were made, among them a
complete dinner set of decorated china.

Dainty refreshments were
Ice Cream, Lady Fingers,
Angel Food, Nut Jelly, Oranges,
Malaga Grapes, Bananas.

The Bay View Club was enter-
tained Monday evening by Mrs.
Emerson Price. All were in quaint
old Quaker costumes and used "three"
and "thou" until they forgot them-
selves and used modern new woman's
talk. The amusement of the even-
ing after the lesson was a game
played with alphabet cards, prizes
being awarded to winners.

Miss Olive Thomas received about
one hundred and fifty ladies yester-
day at three o'clock. Buds and roses
predominated, with a sprinkling of
society matrons to give dignity to
the affair. All wore their holiday
dresses, which were in keeping with
the decorations of Christmas tide—
holly and mistletoe.

The delicious menu was:

Cold Ham, Escalloped Oysters,
Olives, Pickles, Caviar,
Fruit Jelly, Ice Cream, Coffee.

The Bay View Club will meet
with Mrs. Hay, of east Mar-
street, next Tuesday evening.

The Lima Club House has been
transformed into a perfect bower
under the hands of Florist Swan and
will be the mecca for the society
ladies of Lima this afternoon and
evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McLaughlin,
of north Pierce street, entertained a
number of friends at dinner at one
o'clock to-day.

Prof. and Mrs. Miller had Miss
Baker, of Xenia, as their guest to-
day.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Borges enter-
tained a number of friends at dinner
this evening.

Mrs. James B. Townsend enter-
tained a few friends at dinner last
evening in honor of Rev. and Mrs. C.
S. Aves.

The Kindergarten party this year
was a decided success: each little one
having worked hard to make pretty
gifts for their parents, each learning
to feel that it was so much more
pleasant to give than receive. Their
tree was made dainty with their own
handiwork.

The pretty programme was:
March and Song—"Hark, The Bells"
"Oh, We Shall Have Such a Jolly Time"
Song—"Dolly, I Suppose You Know"
Jennett, McVillie

Plays and Songs—"Come Take a Little
Partner"
The Dumb Bells
The Chickadees
"Over the River and Through the Woods"
The Mistletoe
March to table lighted with pretty
candles. A little lunch of peanut
butter and jelly.

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EMBLEMS OF ESTEEM

Received By Chiefs Bell and Lewis
from Their Subordinates

Both Receive Handsome Gold Rings
With Sets Emblematic of Orders to
Which They Belong.

Two of the proudest and happiest
of the city officials to day are Capt.
F. M. Bell, chief of the police de-
partment, and Chief Frank Lewis, of
the fire department. Both received,
from their subordinates, beautiful
emblems of esteem that were wholly
unexpected, but which they thorough-
ly appreciate and will preserve as
treasures dear during the remainder
of their natural lives.

At roll call last night when Capt.
Bell was at his usual place reading
orders to the patrolmen, City Solici-
tor Adgate entered the room, and
with eloquent and appropriate re-
marks, presented him with a beauti-
ful ring, the set in which is an
emblem of the Knights of Phythias
order. Mr. Adgate stated that the
ring was a gift from
the members of the police de-
partment, who tendered it as material
token of their esteem for their chief.
Capt. Bell was astounded and it was
some minutes before he could collect
his senses. He thanked the officers
in a manner that thoroughly ex-
pressed how deeply the handsome
present was appreciated.

Chief Lewis of the fire department,
was no less surprised than
was Capt. Bell. His ring
was presented about 10:30 o'clock
to-day, soon after the regular morn-
ing practice. The presentation was
made for members of the department
by Foreman Ed Cunningham, whose
remarks were very appropriate. Mr.
Lewis endeavored to express his ap-
preciation of the gift, but the feel-
ing he displayed told plainly what he
could not convey in language. The set
of the ring is a beautiful emblem of
the I. O. O. F. order, of which he is
a member.

OHIO FARMERS

Will Hold Several Conventions in
Columbus in January.

The second week in January will
be red letter week for the Buckeye
farmers. Many of them expect to
attend the annual agricultural con-
vention in Columbus at that time.
The convention will divide itself into
a number of divisions, favoring all
the fields of discussion in which the
farmer is specially interested because
of his occupation.

First, there will be the farmers'
State convention, which will meet in
the Senate Chamber in the State
House on Tuesday and Wednesday,
January 12 and 13. The State agri-
cultural convention will meet in the
same hall on Thursday, January 14,
holding morning, afternoon and even-
ing sessions. At the latter session
five members of the State Board of
Agriculture will be elected.

During the week there will be
meetings of the Ohio Draft and Coach
Horse Breeders' Association, the Ohio
Short Horn Cattle Breeders' Associa-
tion, the Ohio Jersey Cattle Club,
the American Oxford Down Sheep
Record Association, the Swine Breed-
ers' Institute and the State Associa-
tion of Farmers' Clubs, the Ohio Wool
Growers' Association, the American
Chester White Record Association,
the Ohio Spanish Merino Sheep
Breeders' Association, and the associa-
tion of Fair Presidents and Secretaries.

All pain banished by Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

REDISTRICTED

Are the Fields of the Buckeye Pipe
Line Company

M. Moran Superintendent of the South
Lima Field—Spencerville Notes.

The Buckeye Pipe Line Wednes-
day made several changes in the
division of the field, and ordered the
changes to be made effective at once.
The Indiana district is made a sepa-
rate division and will be under the
supervision of an eastern oil man, A.
C. Beeson, with headquarters at
Montpelier, Indiana.

The North and South Lima dis-
tricts are made separate. W. P.
Gordon continues as superintendent
of the North Lima district, with
headquarters changed from Findlay
to Toledo.

Mr. Moran will be superintendent
of the South Lima district with head-
quarters in this city.

D. J. O'Day will continue to serve
as general superintendent, and John
Page as assistant general superin-
tendent.

THE SPENCERVILLE FIELD

Big is up for a well on the Rich
Sutton farm, Amanda township.

Scott Mills has cased his well on
the J. N. Bailey farm, Spencer town-
ship.

Parker Brothers have commenced
drilling No. 2 on the Thirring farm,
Spencer township.

Sand has been reached in the well
on the Cooper farm, north of Men-
don, and it makes a good showing.

Fenton, Long & Co. have cased
their well on the O. Allison farm in
Spencer township.

J. W. Hays has put in a power on
the Washburn farm, west of the cor-
poration line.

J. B. Holloway's No. 1 is in and
shows for a 15 barrel well.

Bernheimer & Co.'s well on Brinker-
haupt's farm, Union township, Mer-
cer county, came in dry.

Cochran, Mape, Rhodes & Rey-
nolds have rig up for No. 3 on the
Philip Louth farm, Spencer town-
ship.

Philip Bortz's well on the John
Staup farm, Spencer township, is in
and is reported good for 25 barrels.

Culbertson & Schell's No. 4, on the
Jacob Smith farm, is good for 10 bar-
rels.

Wilson Oil and Gas company's No.
3, on the Charles Fryer farm, near
Mendon, has 900 feet of fluid. They
were drilling for gas, but the well
does not produce an ounce pressure of
gas.

Maire Bros. have again started the
drill on the Bowers farm, Amanda
township.

G. C. Scott & Co.'s well on the
Klink farm, Amanda township, is in,
and shows for a small producer.

Broerlin Bros' well on the J. L.
Cochran farm, Amanda township, is
in, and reported good for 100 barrels.

No. 3, on the James Sunderland farm,
same township, is in, and reported
good for 200 barrels.

Great excitement prevails over the
discovery of the Amanda township
pool. Each well drilled proves better
than the preceding ones, and rigs are
being hauled out there as fast as tim-
ber can be secured. This pool is but
three miles east of here, and the
town is in a fair way for another
boom. Many faces seen here at the
opening of the boom two years ago
are again showing up, and befor-
spring indications point to the town
being again crowded with oil men.
The north part of this (Spencer)
township is showing up good and sev-
eral paying holes have been drilled.

V. Q. Rickman is drilling deeper

the old well on the John Rupert
farm, Spencer township, and will give
it another shot. This well was drilled
two years ago.

The old well on the D. M. Richard-
son farm, also drilled two years ago,
is being cleaned out and will be put
to pumping. These indications,
coupled with the several good wells
recently drilled in near here, point to
a very lively period during the next
few weeks.

AMONG THE RAILROADS.

THE WABASH AND LIMA NORTHERN.

An agreement has been effected
between the Wabash and Lima
Northern, in connection with the
Ohio Southern, which virtually gives
to Toledo and Detroit another pas-
senger line to the south. The pre-
sent agreement calls for the honoring
of the Wabash mileage books over
the Lima Northern and Ohio Sout-
hern, and a reciprocal honoring of
these roads' mileage over the Wabash
from Napoleon to Toledo and from
Adrian to Detroit. This is a prac-
tical step in the direction of the en-
trance of the Lima Northern into
Toledo. It is generally understood
that if business should develop satis-
factorily with this agreement a
through car service will be put on by
the Wabash over the Lima Northern
and Ohio Southern.—Toledo Blade

THE WIDOW'S MITE.

A little incident which speaks vol-
umes in itself came to the notice of
Mayor Hunt this morning, says the
Adrian Times. A hard working young
man named George Forster entered
his store and expressed a desire to
donate five dollars in work for the
new railroad. His proposition was
duly recorded. Then he handed the
mayor a small slip of paper, adding,
"Mother sent this." The slip read
as follows:
\$20.00.

I will give Twenty Dollars for the
Lima Northern road, now talked of.

Mrs. S. M. Forster.

Mr. Hunt's surprise may well be
conjectured, and he voluntarily ven-
tured on a little mild expostulation.
But the young man was firm, and
said his mother made the contribu-
tion because this was her home, and
she believed the new road would ben-
efit everybody in Adrian.

WHO IS THIS?

The Huntington Democrat says:
Immediately after the Schagel mur-
der, a Lima man who is said to have
started on the train Mr. Schagel was
on, disappeared and has not been
heard of since. The murderer is
probably far away from this section.

NOTES.

Local freights were abandoned to-
day.

Conductor Chris Casey, of the P.,
Ft. W. & C., was the guest of friends
here this week.

J. A. McCarty, of Huntington,
Ind., claim agent of the Chicago &
Erie, is in the city to-day.

Brakeman Smith, of the L. E. &
W., is laying off. Brakeman W. M.
Lockard is working in his place.

Brakeman Josh Welsh, of the L.
E. & W., is laying off. Brakeman
Hopping is working in his place.

Passenger Engineer Fisher, of the
L. E. & W., is on the sick list. En-
gineer Ruby Pack is running his en-
gine, No. 31, on passenger.

John Durnbaugh, of the South
Side, has gone to Cleveland to accept
a position in the painting department
of the L. S. & M. S. shops.

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==THE SHOES==
==YOU ARE==
==LOOKING FOR==



Are waiting for you here. No matter how par-
ticular you may be, no matter what ideas you may
have about the fit or the finish or the wear, we
promise to please you a little better than you
were ever pleased before.

This week we have a regular holiday offer in
store for you. Profits given away for a New
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Shoes on earth at \$2.00 the pair. Any style, any
kind.

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